

TEARFUL GOOD-BYS
FOR FLEET'S MENNote of Sadness Marks Eve
of Departure.

SHIPS WILL SAIL TO-DAY

Pass in Review Before the Presi-
dent at 8 o'clock.

Last Night Ashore Sees Depression
of Earlier Gayeties, as Sad-faced,
Gray-haired Mothers Mingle with
Rosy-checked Though Downcast
Wives and Sweethearts in Final
Farewells to Gold-laced Sailors.

Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 15.—The wives,
the mothers, the daughters, the sisters,
and the sweethearts who are here to
see America's great battle-ship fleet sail
to-morrow on its 14,000-mile journey to
the Pacific are withholding their emotions
on this night of partings.

Everybody is trying to look cheerful,
and everybody is succeeding fairly well.
But deep down under the surface there
is a general feeling of depression, and
the flood of women's tears that will flow
before to-morrow's sun has set will
shame the little rain showers that fell
to-day.

On this last evening the big lobby of
the Chamberlin Hotel, the center of
social interest and activity at Fort Mon-
roe, is crowded with officers of the navy
and those who have come to say good-
bye to them.

The Last Farewells.

It is a gay scene. All the departing
officers are in their gold-laced uniforms,
and the women are dressed in their best.
Every woman there apparently tried to
make herself as fascinating as possible.
Many of the officers and their women
folk sat around in groups and talked
fast, so as to be able to say as much
as possible before the long separation
begins.

Sweet-faced, gray-haired mothers, who
had private opinions about the call of
duty, held hands with their gold-laced
sailor boys, and every wife, sister, and
daughter was turned hero worshiper, and
didn't care who knew. And the sweet-
hearts, dozens of them, were making the
most of every moment and wondering if
they were going to cry when the young-
sters in blue and gold went back to their
ships for the long journey.

Sailing Orders Issued.

Sailing orders were issued to-day. Every
officer must be aboard his ship at 7
o'clock to-morrow morning. Shore liberty
for the jacksies and marines ended at 10
o'clock this morning. It was visiting day
on the big armories, and hundreds of
persons went out to them to share the
last hospitality.

A choppy sea and cold day kept the
timid on shore up to early afternoon,
when the sky cleared up a bit and gave
promise of fairly good weather for the
farewell ceremonies. Many men and
women not of the navy sat at luncheon
tables in the fleet, and a large number
of these lingered for tea, and then hur-
ried back to the Chamberlin to dress for
the evening. It was pretty dull ashore
while this was going on out in the Roads,
but to-night every officer who could get
away came to Fort Monroe to take part
in the closing scenes on land.

Many of the officers spent part of the
day writing letters to those at home, and
the women were busy with letter writ-
ing, too. One young wife wrote a note
to her husband, who will leave with the
fleet, and gave it to an officer of her hus-
band's ship, with instructions to deliver
it to the husband on Christmas morning.

Many Christmas Surprises.
When the young wife told other young
wives, and incidentally imparted her
Christmas scheme to a few sweethearts
and some mothers, there was a rush of
women to the writing-room. The idea
took like wildfire. Half the officers of
the fleet have been pressed into service
as mail carriers, and when Christ-
mas morning arrives there will be happy
surprises in cabins and wardrooms and
staterooms.

If the copies of the papers in which
this will be printed could possibly reach
the fleet before Christmas, the story
would not now be told, for it is a strict
secret, and to give it away to those whom
it is intended to please would be cruel
injustice to trusting women.

Rear Admiral Evans, the commander-in-
chief of the magnificent aggregation
of battle ships which will sail for the
Pacific to-morrow, spent the day at the
Chamberlin with his wife, his daughter,
Mrs. Marsh; his son, Lieut. Frank Tay-
lor Evans, and some other kindfolk. He
was the center of interest in the hotel
lobby. The members of his family seldom
left his side, but they had to share their
possession of the grim old sailor with
many others who crowded around to
shake hands and wish him good luck on
his voyage.

Much Shore Liberty.

This morning at muster the crews of
every battle ship listened to an order
issued by Admiral Evans in which he ap-
pealed to the men to endeavor to uphold
the honor and dignity of the United
States when they were in foreign ports.
Shore leaves will be liberal, the orders
said, but they must not be abused. If
they were abused, the whole enlisted
force of the fleet would suffer curtail-
ment of liberty.

It would be necessary, the order ex-
plained, to restrict shore liberty in ports
infected with yellow fever or other infec-
tious or contagious disease, but on the
whole the men would be given as large
opportunity as possible to see the places
where the fleet would stop.

There is much talk about the wholesale
transfer of Japanese mess attendants
from the fleet. Some officers are angry
over losing their servants, but on the
whole there is little criticism of this ac-
tion.

Japanese Are Angry.

It is well understood in the fleet that
the official explanation that the Japanese
have been detached because their period
of enlistment will expire before the fleet

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Fair
to-day and to-morrow; light to
fresh westerly winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.
1—Pacific Fleet Starts on Cruise To-day.
1—Musician Lombard Tries to Die.
1—Bourke Cockran Is for Bryan.
1—Battered Liners Crawl Into Port.
1—Church Indorses an Accused Banker.
2—New York Lid Not on So Tight.
2—Fish Talks of His Plans.
4—Funston Asked to Retain Troops.
2—Rockefeller to Sell Best Auto.
2—Elopers Arrested on Ship's Arrival.

LOCAL.

1—Friends of School Change on Increase.
1—Speaker Cannon's Supporters Busy.
2—Rev. Z. H. Copp Visits Dark Spots.
2—Rush of Aliens to America.

NOTED GEOLOGIST DEAD.

Prof. Contreras, Mexican Expert on
Earthquakes, Passes Away.

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Advice from
Guajuato announce the death at his
home there of Prof. Juan L. Contreras,
the most famous astronomer, geologist,
and meteorologist Mexico has produced.
He made a life study of seismic dis-
turbance and their causes. He predicted
many of the earthquakes in Mexico
many days before they occurred.
He gave warning of the last severe
shock of earthquake which did much
damage in Mexico City and in the State
of Guerrero fifteen days before the vis-
itation took place.

KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION.

Woman Dead and Her Six Children
Injured in Accident.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Charles Talsk,
of 204 Straubs lane, was literally blown
to pieces early this morning by an ex-
plosion of natural gas in her home. Her
six children were injured more or less, all
being thrown from their beds when the
house was wrecked by the explosion.

Mrs. Talsk went into the front room of
the home about 7 a. m. to light the gas
stove, which was fed through a rubber
hose. It appears that the rubber hose
had become disconnected in the night,
allowing the gas to escape and fill the
room.

Mrs. Talsk struck a match which caused
the explosion, blowing out the entire
front of the house. The house took fire,
and was completely destroyed.

LOMBARD TRIES TO DIE

Believed to Have Lost \$5,000,000
in Few Months.

In a Critical Condition at Lugano.
Married Daughter of a Con-
gressman.

London, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Ex-
press from Geneva says that Louis Lam-
bard attempted to commit suicide by
shooting at Lugano, where he lies in a
critical condition.

Doctors are attending him night and
day. It is expected that he will recover.
It is stated that the motive for the deed
was that Lombard had sustained losses,
estimated at \$5,000,000, in the last few
months.

Louis Lombard was born at Lyons,
France, December 15, 1861. He was edu-
cated at the National Conservatory in
Marseilles. After completing his musical
studies there, he came to New York and
entered Columbia Law School. During
the course of his studies at Columbia,
Lombard became naturalized.

He married Miss Alice Maud Allen, the
daughter of Congressman Allen, of St.
Louis, on September 28, 1899. Shortly
afterward he founded the Conservatory of
Music at Utica, an institution in which
he remained a director for some time.
It is thought that his marriage brought
M. Lombard a fair competence. When
he left the city where he built a home,
Chateau de Trevano, at Lugano, Swit-
zerland. A private theater was attached
to the chateau.

Here M. Lombard has made it a prac-
tice to stage his own operas. He has
then, as a rule, sent elaborate accounts
of the productions to the newspapers of
the world.

M. Lombard was chairman of the con-
gress of the National Association of
Music Teachers, at Chicago, in 1902. He
was a member of the Authors' Guild, the
New York Manuscript Society, and the
Society of Arts and Sciences, London. He
was the author of several books and a
composer.

FAMOUS GEOLOGISTS REFUTED.

Gravel Found Under Granite in Colo-
rado Grand Canyon.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Earthquakes
and landslides have wrought wonderful
changes in the Grand Canyon of the Colo-
rado and the river that flows through the
great gorge. One hundred miles north-
east of Peach Springs and above Hualapai
Indian reservation there was formerly a
series of dangerous rapids and narrow
falls nearly a mile long. The whole front
of the mountain has fallen and has ob-
literated them, leaving the water calm
in a broad channel.

E. A. Anderson and G. A. Atkins,
prospecting, just returned, made these
discoveries. They found specimens of
copper and iron, including a remarkable
boulder of the latter, as large as a hay-
stack. A deposit of gravel was found
under twenty feet of granite, refuting
famous geologists who have main-
tained that no such thing existed.

Railroaders Not to Strike.

New York, Dec. 15.—Reports in cir-
culation to-day that sixty-five railroads east
of the Mississippi were preparing for a
threatened strike of the trainmen and
conductors for a readjustment of wages
and conditions, including a 10 per cent
increase of wages, were discredited this
evening by officials of some of the roads.

Banquet to Gov. Post.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 15.—A banquet
was given last night in honor of Regis
H. Post, who was recently reappointed
governor of the island by President
Roosevelt. Chief Justice Quinones, of
the Supreme Court, made a speech wel-
coming Gov. Post upon his return.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Change in Price of The Washington Herald, Beginning with the New Year.

* Beginning Monday, December 30, the subscription price of The Washington Herald,
delivered at homes and offices in Washington and suburbs, will be fifty cents per month for
all issues, or forty cents per month—ten cents a week—for the daily or week day issues
only.

In the streets, at newsstands, and on trains, the uniform price will be two cents for
the daily issue and five cents for the Sunday issue.

During its first year, The Washington Herald showed unparalleled growth. No
other newspaper at the Capital ever gained, in so short a time, such a large local circulation.
The people of Washington gave immediate proof of their appreciation of the new news-
paper. It came into a field that was waiting for it. Having demonstrated that it is, in
fact, as well as in claim, "A Paper of Quality," its price, from the date named, will be com-
mensurate with its character.

It intends to be worth the price—one of the best two-cent daily newspapers in the
whole country—and asks the continued support of all Washington people toward that end.
Several reasons—all logical reasons—might be given for the increase, but the one
logical reason—the paper will be worth it—is sufficient.

It means to give full value received with every issue; and to be in the future even a
greater credit to the Capital and to newspaperdom than it has been in the past.

It has spent money freely in achieving its journalistic aims thus far, and this policy
of enterprise and progress will be emphasized as time goes on.

BATTERED SHIPS IN

Great Liners Reach Port
After Terrible Storm.

SEAS RISE SEVENTY FEET HIGH

Giant Waves, Driven by Hurricane,
Break Over Crippled Steamers and
Strike Panic to Passengers—Penn-
sylvania, Using Oil, Makes Only
49 Miles in 24 Hours' Time.

New York, Dec. 15.—The storm-battered
fleet of liners that came into port to-day
was one of the biggest ever seen here
any Sunday.

Some bore scars of their tussle with the
tallest seas that have ever slapped the
noes of twin-screw flyers or lofty-sided
slow boats. The Hamburg-American
Liner Pennsylvania had the roughest
handling she ever has received. Capt.
Schmidt had to resort to oil on the after-
noon and night of December 8 to smooth
the crests.

Chief Officer William Hennecke, who
has been making Atlantic voyages twenty-
two years, was surprised when he
looked at the barometer on that bluster-
ing night to see that it registered 28.50,
lower than he had ever seen.

Wind 100 Miles an Hour.
The German liners use the Beaufort
scale in measuring wind velocities, and
the top notch is 21, meaning hurricane
force, Mr. Hennecke said the ship needed
another number or two to tell the force
of the blast that piled up the great
crests. It surely was more than eighty
miles, and seemed at times to be close to
a hundred.

While the Pennsylvania was striving
against this wind she made only forty-nine
miles in twenty-four hours. No pas-
senger was permitted to come on deck,
and all the storm doors were on.
On the afternoon of the worst day, De-
cember 8, a giant wave toppled over the
port bow and set the ship astern a bit
by its mighty force. A green section of
the wave smashed two heavy doors in
the deck house forward, one sheltering
the companionway to the steerage quar-
ters and the other the forecastle.

Panic Among Passengers.
There were 1,359 steamer passengers,
chiefly Russian Jews, and they became
panic-stricken when they heard the boom-
ing of the wave as it halted the ship,
making her tremble in every steel frame.
The women ran from their compart-
ments, screaming. They implored the
steerage stewards and officers on duty
there to save them. Many fell on their
knees and prayed, and the stewards and
officers had a hard time getting the
frightened immigrants back to their
quarters. That is when the ship began
to use oil to ward off the blows of the
sea.

There seemed to be between 2,000 and
3,000 feet between the crests, which rose
at times almost to the height of the
Pennsylvania's crown, and more than
seventy feet above her waterline. The
decks were smothered in spray for hours
at a time, and all the horizon looked
like a mass of mere foam.

Steamers Behind Time.
The Anchor Line Astoria, four days
behind time, was distressed by both
weather and deranged machinery, one of
her condensers having given out when
she was two days out from Moville. She
lay to twenty-four hours in a nasty sea
while the engineers made repairs.
The North German Lloyd Liner Breslau,
from Bremen, got entangled in the same
part of the turmoil that lashed the Pen-
nsylvania. Capt. Prager said she encoun-
tered a sea that was taller than the fore-
cross-trees, and that she shipped some of
two steerage passengers were injured by
falls, one so seriously that it was neces-
sary to amputate his foot.

The Lorraine, of the French Line, was
more than a day behind time, and the St.
Paul, of the American line, a day. When
the storm was at its worst they made
less than a third of their usual speed.

BODIES FROM LAWSON WRECK.

Five Are Recovered, and Survivor
Tells of Disaster.

London, Dec. 15.—Five bodies have been
recovered from the wreck of the seven-
masted American schooner Thomas W.
Lawson, which capsized and sank during
the gale yesterday morning while she was
anchored off one of the Scilly Islands.
Two of the dead have not been identi-
fied. The others were Mark Sanson, cab-
in boy, of Brooklyn; Victor Hansel, of
Philadelphia, and Seaman George Bol-
lmke, G. W. Allen, the English sailor

belonging to the Lawson, who was picked
up unconscious near the scene of the
wreck, has since died.

Before his death he recovered con-
sciousness and gave an account of the
disaster. After telling how the schooner
had run into Broad Sound and anchored
to escape the fury of the storm, he said
that a tremendous squall struck her
about 3 o'clock Saturday morning.

The squall struck the Lawson broad-
side on, and it came so suddenly that
before she had time to begin to swing
with it it hove her down on her beam
ends and prevented her from righting her-
self. The water poured into her through
every opening on deck, and she complet-
ely capsized before the survivors had time
to launch a boat.

Capt. Jameson, of the American Line
steamer St. Louis, reports that he never
before encountered such terrible weather
as was met with Friday night and Satur-
day morning.

CUMMINS IN THE FIELD.

Governor of Iowa to Make Race for
Senator Allison's Seat.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 15.—Gov. A. B.
Cummins, in a final statement to-night,
states that the letter given out by Sen-
ator Dolliver, alleging that Cummins
agreed not to be a candidate for the Sen-
ate against Allison, was no pledge at all,
and that he has never made such a
pledge, directly or indirectly, to any one
else.

In the same statement Gov. Cummins
makes formal announcement of his can-
didacy for Allison's seat. He charges
that his enemies have maligned him in-
cessantly and distorted his motives.

CHRISTMAS BUYING IS FATAL.

In Effort to Avoid Waking Children,
Father Fractures Skull.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 15.—His anxiety to
prevent his children from seeing the
Christmas gifts he was bringing home
caused Bernard McGroder to receive in-
juries last night from which he is dying.

McGroder has three children, and all
along he has promised them that Santa
Claus would bring them all sorts of nice
presents on Christmas. Last night he
went downtown and did some shopping.
When he arrived at his home, 28 Sunset
avenue, he entered, and feared to light
the gas or make a noise for fear the
children, who were on the lookout for
Santa, would awaken and investigate.
He opened a door which he thought led
upstairs. He stepped forward and fell
down the cellar stairs, fracturing his
skull.

BRYAN MAKES PROTEST.

Wants Better Facilities for Transfer
of Passengers at Omaha.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—W. J. Bryan has
informally complained to the State rail-
way commission of the necessity of bet-
ter facilities for the transfer of passen-
gers between the Burlington depot and
the Union depot at Omaha.
Mr. Bryan suggested the construction
of a subway between the two depots.
This suggestion was never before brought
to the attention of the State commission-
ers, and it may prove to be a solution of
a vexed question.

EXPLAIN NEW MARRIAGE LAW.

Priests in New York Churches Ask
That Licenses Be Procured.

New York, Dec. 15.—Announcements
were made from the pulpits of the Ro-
man Catholic churches of this city to-day
in reference to the new State marriage
law which goes into effect January 1.
The clergymen explained that all those
contemplating a religious marriage must
personally apply to the county clerk, for
which \$1 is to be charged. Any clergy-
man performing the ceremony without a
license is liable to fine and imprisonment.

CANNOT GIVE LIQUOR AWAY.

Pittsburg Saloonists Warned Against
Following Christmas Custom.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—The edict has gone
forth from the police department that no
saloonists were to be permitted to give
Christmas presents of liquor over the bar
on Christmas Eve.
"They may send packages to their
friends' homes," said Superintendent of
Police McGuire, "but the indiscriminate
distribution of small bottles of whiskey
at the bar on the night before Christmas
is responsible for an epidemic of drunken-
ness each year, and it must stop."

Concert in Spinning Mill.

Manchester, Dec. 15.—The Viscountess
Brackley yesterday christened a 1,600-
horsepower engine at the Walkden Spin-
ning Company's new mill at Walkden.
Manchester, the first spinning mill built
here for over thirty years. Subsequently
refreshments were served to a large party
of guests, followed by a concert, and
dance in a tastefully decorated room in
the mill.

JOHNSON IS A CANDIDATE.

Minnesota Governor Tells Famous
Surgeon He Wants Nomination.

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—"I certainly am a
candidate for the Democratic nomination
for President," is the statement Gov.
Johnson made to Dr. W. W. Mayo, of
Rochester, Minn., one of the most promi-
nent surgeons in the country, yesterday.

The doctor had a talk with the gov-
ernor regarding the political situation,
and shortly after gave the Rochester
newspaper a statement. He said the
governor did not endeavor to hide the
fact that he would be a candidate, pro-
viding there was enough support.

ABE HUMMEL NEAR DEATH.

Convict Lawyer Cannot Recover,
Says Island Physician.

New York, Dec. 15.—While climbing the
stairs to his room on the second floor of
the hospital at Blackwells Island, on
Saturday afternoon, Abraham Hummel
collapsed on the landing at the first floor
and had to be carried to his room.

Dr. Matz, the resident physician on the
island, said to-day that Hummel was in
a dying condition. Dr. Sigmund Tyn-
berg, of 1329 Madison avenue, one of the
visiting doctors at the penitentiary, was
called in on Saturday. He prescribed a
special course of treatment, but held out
no hope of the patient's recovery.

A. H. Kaffenburgh, Hummel's nephew,
was sent for and went immediately to the
island, but was not allowed to see Hum-
mel, as Dr. Tynberg had forbidden it.
Hummel has not been told of his true
condition, as the doctors believe it would
hasten his death.

BURNS UP \$10,000 IN BILLS.

Ohio Farmer, Dying, Destroys Money
Rather Than Leave It to Children.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 15.—John Gordon,
a wealthy farmer of this county, burned
\$10,000 in bills to-day, a short time before
he died. The charred remnants of the
bills were found by the members of his
family, but as they were mostly ashes,
no attempt will be made to have them
replaced.

Gordon was eighty-five years old, and
in the last few weeks had grown childish.
He had steadfastly refused to put the
\$10,000, the savings of years, into a
bank, but kept the money under his pil-
low.

This morning he amused himself by
setting fire to them and watching them
burn. He then succumbed to heart dis-
ease.

CHURCH INDORSES BANKER

Brooklyn Congregation Feels Sorry
for Indicted Man.

Dispenses with Sermon to Bemoan
Charge Preferred Against
Mr. Jenkins, Sr.

New York, Dec. 15.—The members of
the Sumner Avenue Baptist Church held
special services in the edifice, in Brook-
lyn, this morning, in the interest of John
G. Jenkins, Sr., who is under indictment
on the charge of perjury in connection
with reports made to the State banking
department regarding the Williamsburg
Trust Company.

Mr. Jenkins has been a member of the
church for more than fifty years, and at
times has aided it financially, and he and
the members of his family, including his
three sons, John G. Jenkins, Jr., Frank,
and Frederick, are highly thought of by
the church people.

On Friday evening at the regular prayer
meeting, a committee was appointed to
draft resolutions of confidence in Mr. Jen-
kins. This committee considered the mat-
ter on Saturday, and to-day, when the
pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert M. Greene, en-
tered the pulpit, he had the resolutions
in his possession.

After the opening prayer the pastor an-
nounced that the regular services would
be dispensed with, and that he would not
deliver a sermon.

Then he referred to the serious trou-
bles of the Jenkinses, father and sons,
and after explaining what had taken place
on Friday evening, read the resolutions
expressing confidence in him and the
belief that he never intentionally did the
wrong that is charged against him.

When Pastor Greene had concluded, the
reading of the resolutions, the members
of the church cheered. Then one after
another arose and spoke of the many
good qualities of Mr. Jenkins; how he
had at times proved his love for the
church and its members, and how he
had paid \$3,000 toward clearing the in-
debtedness of the church.

POWER BY WIRELESS.

Youth Discovers Method of Trans-
mitting Energy Through Space.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.—Harry M.
Groat, a nineteen-year-old Spencer boy,
says he has gone ahead of Marconi, and
has succeeded in operating electric lights
and motors by electric magnetic waves at
distances of 500 feet and more at the
Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Young
Groat says he believes he will be able to
transmit power regularly and in a prac-
tical manner by wireless.

Groat has been studying wireless tele-
graphy for five years, electricity being his
hobby. He is a student at David H.
Prouty High School. He is now planning
the establishment of two wireless sta-
tions, three miles apart, for the trans-
mission of power.

IRONY FOR TRUANT PRINCE.

Ferdinand of Bulgaria Asked to
Spend Part of Time at Home.

Sofia, Dec. 15.—The Opposition in the
Bulgarian Sobranje, who took no part
in the debate on the address to Prince
Ferdinand, formulated an address of its
own, in which Prince Ferdinand was re-
spectfully asked to spend at least thirty
consecutive days annually in the land he
governs.

Diabolical "Prohibited Pet."
London, Dec. 15.—Diabolical has become
such a craze on board vessels in the
Mediterranean fleet that diabolical sets are
now rated with parrots and monkeys as
"prohibited pets."

You Are Invited to Deposit
Your funds in the new banking house of
Union Trust Co., 15th and H sts. Greatly
increased facilities. Interest paid on all
accounts. Under control of U. S. Treasury.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL
CHANGE INCREASINGSentiment in House Crystal-
lizes in Its Favor.

OUTLOOK FOR DISTRICT

What Is Promised for Legisla-
tion Affecting Capital.

Union Station Temporary Track
Plan Being Pushed—Congressman
Smith Will Sound Terminal Com-
pany's Attitude—Permanent Im-
provement Has Rocky Road Before
It—Sims Bill May Be Changed.

Sentiment in the Lower House of Con-
gress continues slowly but surely to crys-
tallize in favor of abolishing the board
of education and turning the schools
over to the control of the Commissioners
of the District as the quickest and surest
way of ending the present difficulty and
effectually preventing its recurrence in
the future.

A number of members who were most
prominent in furthering the legislation
which created the present system have
within the last few days voluntarily gone
to Congressman Smith, of Michigan, who
will be chairman of the House Commit-
tee on the District of Columbia when its
membership is announced, and declared
their change of faith. Mr. Smith was a
determined opponent of the change when
it was proposed, believing then, as he
still does, that the District Commis-
sioners are not only competent to adminis-
ter the school system of the District, but
that they are the only proper adminis-
trators thereof. While he regrets as sin-
cerely as do the people of the District
the imbrigo on the board of educa-
tion and the superintendent, he be-
lieves, with many others, that it has
shown the justice of the contention which
he and others made against the change,
and expects to see it finally result in re-
turning the control of the schools to the
governing board of the District.

Commissioners Should Control.
Mr. Smith is outspoken and plain in his
views on the question. "The President of